



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

**DATES:** We must receive your written comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES:** *Document availability and comment submission:* Submit requests for copies of the applications and related documents, as well as any comments, by one of the

following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., TEXTXXXXX; see table in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**):

- *Email:* permitsR3ES@fws.gov. Please refer to the respective application number (e.g., Application No. TEXTXXXXX) in the subject line of your email message.
- *U.S. Mail:* Regional Director, Attn: Nathan Rathbun, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437–1458.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nathan Rathbun, 612–713–5343 (phone); permitsR3ES@fws.gov (email). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **Background**

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless authorized by a Federal permit. The ESA and our implementing regulations in part 17 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provide for the issuance of such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

### **Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment**

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies; Tribes; and the public to comment on the following applications:

Application Number	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of Take	Permit Action
PER0038946	Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Bayfield, WI	Gray wolf ( <i>Canis lupus</i> )	WI	Conduct presence/absence surveys, conduct studies to document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate potential impacts.	Capture, radio collar, PIT tag, collect DNA samples, administer drugs, and release.	New
PER0038948	USDA Forest Service, Amherst, MA	Rusty patched bumble bee ( <i>Bombus affinis</i> )	MN, WI	Conduct presence/absence surveys, conduct studies to document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate potential impacts.	Capture, handle, and release.	New
PER0039248	Jacob Powell, Sheridan, WY	Rusty patched bumble bee ( <i>Bombus affinis</i> ), Poweshiek skipperling ( <i>Oarisma poweshiek</i> ), and Dakota skipper ( <i>Hesperia dacotae</i> )	IA, IL, IN, MA, ME, MI, MN, ND, OH, SD, VA, WI, WV	Conduct presence/absence surveys, conduct studies to document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate potential impacts.	Capture, handle, and release.	New
PER0039249	Meredith Hoggatt, Pittsboro, IN	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> ), and gray bat	AL, AR, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND,	Conduct presence/absence surveys, conduct studies to document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and	Capture by mist-net and harp traps, handle, radio-tag, collect DNA samples, band, and release.	New

		( <i>Myotis grisescens</i> )	NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, VI, VT, WI, WV, WY	evaluate potential impacts.		
PER0039255	Ryan Schwegman, College Corner, OH	Thirteen freshwater mussel species	AR, DE, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, MD, MI, MN, MO, NY, OH, OK, PA, TN, TX, VA, WI, WV	Conduct presence/absence surveys, conduct studies to document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate potential impacts.	Capture, handle, mark, relocate, collect for propagation purposes, and release.	New
TE26953C	Karen Goodell, Newark, OH	Rusty patched bumble bee ( <i>Bombus affinis</i> )	Add: new locations — PA, MD, VA, WV — to existing authorized location: OH	Conduct presence/absence surveys, conduct studies to document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate potential impacts.	Capture, handle, and release.	Amend
PER0039690	Amy Toth, Ames, IA	Rusty patched bumble bee ( <i>Bombus affinis</i> )	IA, IL	Conduct presence/absence surveys, conduct studies to document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate potential impacts.	Capture, handle, mark, release, DNA sample, pollen sample.	New

## **Public Availability of Comments**

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

## **Next Steps**

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the *Federal Register*.

**Authority**

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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